

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of November 18, 2011

*****FINAL*****

PRESENT

Kathleen Dring, Psy.D., LHRC Chair
Tracy Ferguson, LHRC
Jean Bohnhoff, LHRC Secretary
Dana Steele, LHRC
Hillary Zaneveld, Human Rights Advocate DBHDS
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Denise Gustalzan, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Damon Sutton, Paramount Youth Services
Nina Joyner, New Life Programs and Family Systems II
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
April Liverman, Sarah's Place
Peggy Lidstrum, Dominion Psychiatric, PLLC-Turning Point
Monica C. Manley, The Barry Robinson Center

ABSENT

Elaine Martin, LHRC
James Lassiter, Family Net
Vonda Alston, One Vision & Associates

LHRC member Tracy Ferguson called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.
Kathleen Dring and Jean Bohnhoff called prior to the meeting and stated that they would arrive by 9:30 am.

2012 Meeting Dates

Ms. Ferguson reviewed the meeting dates: January 27, 2012, April 27, 2012, July 27, 2012 and October 26, 2012.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Advocate's Report

Hillary Zaneveld was introduced as the new advocate on the committee. She reported another advocate (Ms. Rhodes) has been hired and will start the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Ms. Zaneveld informed the providers that the next quarterly reports (Oct-Dec 2011) and annual reports (July 1-Dec 31 2011) are due on January 13, 2012. The reports should be faxed to dhenock@barryrobinson.org by January 13, 2012. She requested that the July 2011 and December 2011 reports be attached to the annual report. She reminded everyone that these reports are separate from the annual seclusion and restraint reports that are also due in January 2012.

Ms. Zaneveld informed the committee that they may vote and approve a two person subcommittee that would have limited function if there was not a quorum. However, the two person committee cannot approve minutes and thus another meeting must be scheduled with a quorum after a two person committee has been present. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the committee may have a two person subcommittee when a quorum is not present.

Ms. Zaneveld provided training on the Freedom of Information Act for the committee members.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 18 residents in the residential program and 3 students in their day-treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported they are currently serving 63 clients in 2 intensive outpatient and 7 substance abuse groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Denise Gustalzan Smith reported they are currently serving 39 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program and relapse prevention program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Paramount Youth Services – Damon Sutton reported they are serving 13 residents in their two group homes. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
5. New Life – Nina Joyner reported Mary's House has 2 residents. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
6. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reported there are 53 clients receiving intensive in-home services. There are 23 clients receiving mental health support and 17 clients in the therapeutic day treatment program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.

Ms. Joyner requested permanent affiliation for the new Day Treatment sites at Churchland Elementary School, Simonsdale Elementary School and James Monroe Elementary School in Portsmouth, VA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to grant permanent affiliation with the LHRC for the stated schools.

7. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 53 in-home clients and 45 day support clients. Mr. Morlino reported he had one incident to discuss during closed session.
8. Family Net – No report.
9. Dominion Psychiatric Associates, PLLC-Turning Point- Rebecca Wood reported they are currently serving 11 clients in their Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program and 25 clients in their aftercare program. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Sarah's Place- April Liverman reported they currently have one resident in their group home. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
11. One Vision and Associates- Vonda Alston called prior to the meeting and reported that they are not serving anyone and are still awaiting licensure.

13. The Barry Robinson Center – HomeBase Services – Monica Manley reported 43 clients are receiving in-home services. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
14. The Barry Robinson Center – The LHRC reviewed The Barry Robinson Center's statistical reports regarding structured living, reports to Licensing/Human Rights and special treatment procedure utilization.

Executive Session

A motion was made and passed that the LHRC enter into an Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-371 (A) for the purpose of reviewing the one incident at Vito, Inc. and The Barry Robinson Center's occurrence report.

Exit Executive Session

Upon reconvening into public session, the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified to the motion to reconvene this session, the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

After reconvening into public session, the Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee indicated they made no recommendations regarding the incident at Vito Inc. or the occurrences at The Barry Robinson Center.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.